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C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 1526

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SUBJECT: REPORTED GDR TREATMENT OF NICO HUEBNER AND PLANS
FOR HIS TRIAL

REF: USBERLIN 1256

1. ACCORDING TO A WELL-INFORMED LOCAL GERMAN SOURCE,
GDR PLANS A TRIAL IN AUGUST 1978 AGAINST NICO HUEBNER,
EAST BERLINER WHO CLAIMED HIS PENIDNG INDUCTION INTO
GDR ARMY WAS ILLEGAL BECAUSE OF DEMILITARIZED STATUS
OF BERLIN. TRIAL WILL REPORTEDLY BE HELD BEFORE THE
EAST BERLIN CITY COURT AND CHARGES WILL BE FILED ONLY
ON GDR CRIMINAL CODE PARAGRAPHS 98 (COLLECTION/TRANS-
MISSION OF INFORMATION SUPPORTING ANTI-GDR ACTIVITY)
AND 106 (DEFAMING THE REPUTATION OF THE STATE). THIS
REPORT CONFIRMS EARLIER NEWSPAPER STORY THAT CHARGES OF
REFUSING MILITARY INDUCTION HAD BEEN DROPPED (REFTEL).
IT IS GNERALLY COUNTED ON, THE SOURCE INDICATES, THAT
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HUEBNER WILL BE RELEASED TO THE WEST IMMEDIATELY AFTER
THETRIAL.

2. HUEBNER, ACCORDING TO THIS ACCOUNT, ENJOYS A CERTAIN
DEGREE OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN INVESTIGATIVE DETEN-
TION IN THE GDR STATE SECURITY SERVICE FACILITY IN
PANKOW WHERE HE IS CURRENTLY HELD. HE IS ALLOWED TO READ

AND IS TREATED WITH "EXQUISITE POLITENESS." HE IS INFORMED
OF THE ACTIONS OF WESTERN GROUPS ON HIS BEHALF AND IS
PHONED BY THEM. HIS WELL-KNOWN GDR LAWYER, WOLFGANG
VOGEL, WHO IS FREQUENTLY INVOLVED IN ARRANGING TRANSFER
(FOR A PRICE) OF GDR PRISONERS TO THE FRG, HAS ALREADY VISITED
HIM SEVERAL TIMES. HUEBNER'S DIVORCED WIFE, WHO DESIRES TO
ACCOMPANY HIM TO THE WEST, HAS ALSO SEEN HIM IN PRISON;
GDR SURVEILLANCE OF HER HAS BEEN STOPPED FOR SOME TIME NOW.
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